

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for M.A.Ed. RPL Programme

1. What is the Master of Arts in Education (M.A.Ed. RPL) programme?

The M.A.Ed. RPL is a unique research-based programme offered by BCU at ITARI, Bangalore, India through the blended mode. This programme is designed to help in-service teachers, trainers, and instructors reflect on their teaching practices and develop their skills through mindful research and intervention in educational settings.

2. What are the eligibility criteria for the M.A.Ed. RPL programme?

The M.A.Ed. RPL programme is open to graduates coming from leadership experiences and in-service from the field of education who have at least 2 years of teaching experience.

3. What is the duration of the M.A.Ed. RPL programme?

Teacher participants typically complete the M.A.Ed. RPL programme in approximately 1 to 1.5 years

4. What are the three phases of the M.A.Ed. RPL programme?

- **Phase I:** Submission of a portfolio of evidence to prove your teaching experience. Upon successful acceptance, you earn 60 academic credits through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).
- **Phase II:** Conducting mini education-based research to earn an additional 60 credits.
- **Phase III:** Further research on your teaching practice guided by BCU faculty, earning the final 60 credits. Upon successful completion, you will have earned a total of 180 credits.
- **As it is an International Programme, it is usually possible to transfer your credits to another University.**

5. What is the timeline for the M.A.Ed. RPL programme?

While a large part of the programme is self-paced, the tentative timeline is as follows:

- **Stage I (September - November):** Evidence of your experience in reflection-based teaching practice
- **Stage II (December - March):** Research Proposal and Classroom-Based Research
- **Summer Break (April - May):** [Break]
- **Stage II (Final Part) (June – onwards) Longitudinal Research and Dissertation Submission**

6. What are the modes of learning available for the M.A.Ed. RPL programme?

The programme is conducted through blended sessions, which include 120 hours of classroom-based learning.

7. What will I learn during the M.A.Ed. RPL programme?

During the M.A.Ed. RPL programme, you will:

- Review your teaching practice objectively through evidence and reflective practices.
- Carry out systematic classroom research
- Learn to ethically consider the impact of your research
- Critically reflect on your professional practice to become a leader in learning
- Develop the skills and dispositions of a teacher-researcher

8. What kind of support is available for students during the programme?

One of the unique features of the ITARI-BCU programmes is that the participants receive personalized mentoring and have access to support materials, including the extensive online library of Birmingham City University and continuous support from highly qualified and experienced mentors from both ITARI and BCU. In Stage I, ITARI coaches you towards preparing your portfolio of evidence. In Stage II, ITARI guides you in research methods and mentors you to conduct classroom-based or education-related research, improving your academic thinking, reading, and writing skills. In Stage III, BCU professors guide your research and work.

9. What is the success rate of the M.A.Ed. RPL programme?

100% every year

10. Can I pursue further studies after completing the M.A.Ed. RPL?

Yes, the programme offers the possibility to transfer your earned 180 academic credits to further your education with international universities, including the potential pursuit of a PhD.

11. How does the M.A.Ed. RPL programme enhance my career prospects?

The M.A.Ed. RPL programme is internationally recognized, as it is offered by the School of Education at Birmingham City University, UK. It provides a strong foundation for educators looking to advance their careers by integrating research-based teaching practices into their professional contexts and potentially moving into leadership roles. Our Alumni are placed in Woodstock School, United World College, Oberoi International School, Mallya Aditi International School, Harrow International School, TISB, Legacy School, Greenwood High, Neev Academy, Tech Avant-Garde, Pathways World School, and a few other well-renowned IB Schools.

12. What is the average and highest salary offered to graduates?

Our graduates have mentioned that they earn 1.5 to 3 lakhs INR monthly.

13. Where can I check credentials of this programme?

ITARI is listed on the Birmingham City University website, reflecting our esteemed partnership. The link has been shared here. <https://www.bcu.ac.uk/international/policies-agents-partnerships/partner-information>

14. What is a Level 7 programme?

The M.A.Ed. RPL is a Level 7 qualification, which is the second-highest qualification level in the UK, just below doctorate qualifications (Level 8). This makes it a prestigious and advanced degree that is widely recognized internationally.

15. How do I apply for the M.A.Ed. RPL programme?

The selection process involves the following steps:

- Application with a Statement of Purpose
- Review of eligibility and the Statement of Purpose
- Interaction with the faculty member

16. Can I visit the campus before enrolling in the programme?

Yes. In addition to completing admission formalities online, you are welcome to visit the campus and meet the faculty.

17. Are alternate options available for fee payment?

Yes, we offer EMI options from an accredited third-party financial institution. Details of assistance will be provided upon enrollment.

18. What other programmes does ITARI offer?

Apart from the M.A.Ed. RPL, ITARI offers various programmes including:

- Postgraduate Diploma in Education - International (PGDE-I), Birmingham City University, UK
- Cambridge International Diploma in Teaching and Learning (CIDTL)
- International Educator Certificate (IEC) for International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Postgraduate Programme in Early Childhood Education [Merited with a Diploma]
- Professional Development Workshops for Schools and Other Education Institutions

19. How can I contact ITARI for more information?

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